Mr. K. A. Nachiyappa Gounder:—"May I ask, Sir, whether this is not a public purpose which comes under the purview of the Land Acquisition Act?"

The Hon. Mr. P. T. Rajan:—"I do not think so."

Fisheries

Qualifications and functions of some of the personnel of the Fisheries department.

* 461 *Q.*—Mr. M. B. Rangaswami Reddi: Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(*a*) the qualifications required for and the functions performed by the following:—

(i) Assistant Director of Fisheries (Coast),

(ii) Assistant Director of Fisheries (Inland), and

(*b*) the qualifications of the following:—

(i) Director of Fisheries, and

(ii) Assistant Director of Fisheries?

A.—*Qualifications.*—The attention of the hon. Member is invited to rule 3 (*c*) of the special rules relating to the Madras Fisheries Service on pages 60–63 of the Madras Services Manual, Volume I.

Functions of the Assistant Director (Coast) and Assistant Director (Inland).

Assistant Director (*Coast*).—(1) Socio-economic work including control of the fisheries elementary schools and the Fisheries Training Institute, Calicut, and the organization and supervision of fishermen co-operative societies.

(2) Supervision of the Tanur station.

(3) Administration of fish-curing yards on the West Coast.

Assistant Director (*Inland*).—(1) Stocking and development of fisheries in all inland waters taken over by the Fisheries department.

(2) Administration of fish-curing yards and organization and supervision of co-operative societies for fishermen in the districts of Chingleput and Nellore.

Industries

Proposal to open an experimental porcelain factory by the Government.

* 462 *Q.*—Mr. M. S. Sreshta: Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(*a*) what action has been taken on the recommendation made by the Advisory Committee for Industries at its meeting held on 24th March 1933 that an experimental factory for making porcelain ware be started by the Government in a suitable centre where the necessary raw materials are available; and

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(b) whether the Industries department have made any recommendation as to what would be a suitable centre, and what the cost would be for starting an experimental factory for making porcelain ware?

A.—(a) The Director of Industries was asked to examine and report on the recommendation.

(b) The answer is in the negative, as Government subsequently decided not to start an experimental factory for financial reasons.

Mr. M. S. Sreshta:—" In view of the fact that the decision was arrived at three years ago, will the Hon. Minister be pleased to consider the desirability of reconsidering the question of including the item in the next budget?"

The Hon. Mr. P. T. Rajan:—" I am prepared to consider the suggestion for what it is worth."

Work turned out by the department of sericulture.

* 463 Q.—Mr. M. B. Rangaswami Reddi: Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(a) when a separate department of sericulture was created; and

(b) what the nature of work turned out by the department till now is?

A.—(a) There is no separate department of sericulture. A sericultural branch in the Department of Agriculture was created in 1919 originally.

(b) The hon. Member's attention is invited to the annual administration reports of the Department of Industries, which are placed at the disposal of the Press.

Mr. V. T. Arasu:—" May I know, Sir, whether any officer of the Industries department was deputed by this Government to make a special study of this branch of industry in Japan and other countries?"

The Hon. Mr. P. T. Rajan:—" An officer has gone to Japan."

Mr. V. T. Arasu:—" Has that officer submitted any report on his work in Japan?"

The Hon. Mr. P. T. Rajan:—" I believe so; if the hon. Member wants further information, I want notice."

Grants and loans paid to indigenous industrial concerns since 1925.

* 464 Q.—Mr. K. A. Nachiyappa Gounder: Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(a) what the amounts are of grants and loans sanctioned and paid to indigenous industrial concerns and other private industries in this province in each year since 1925;